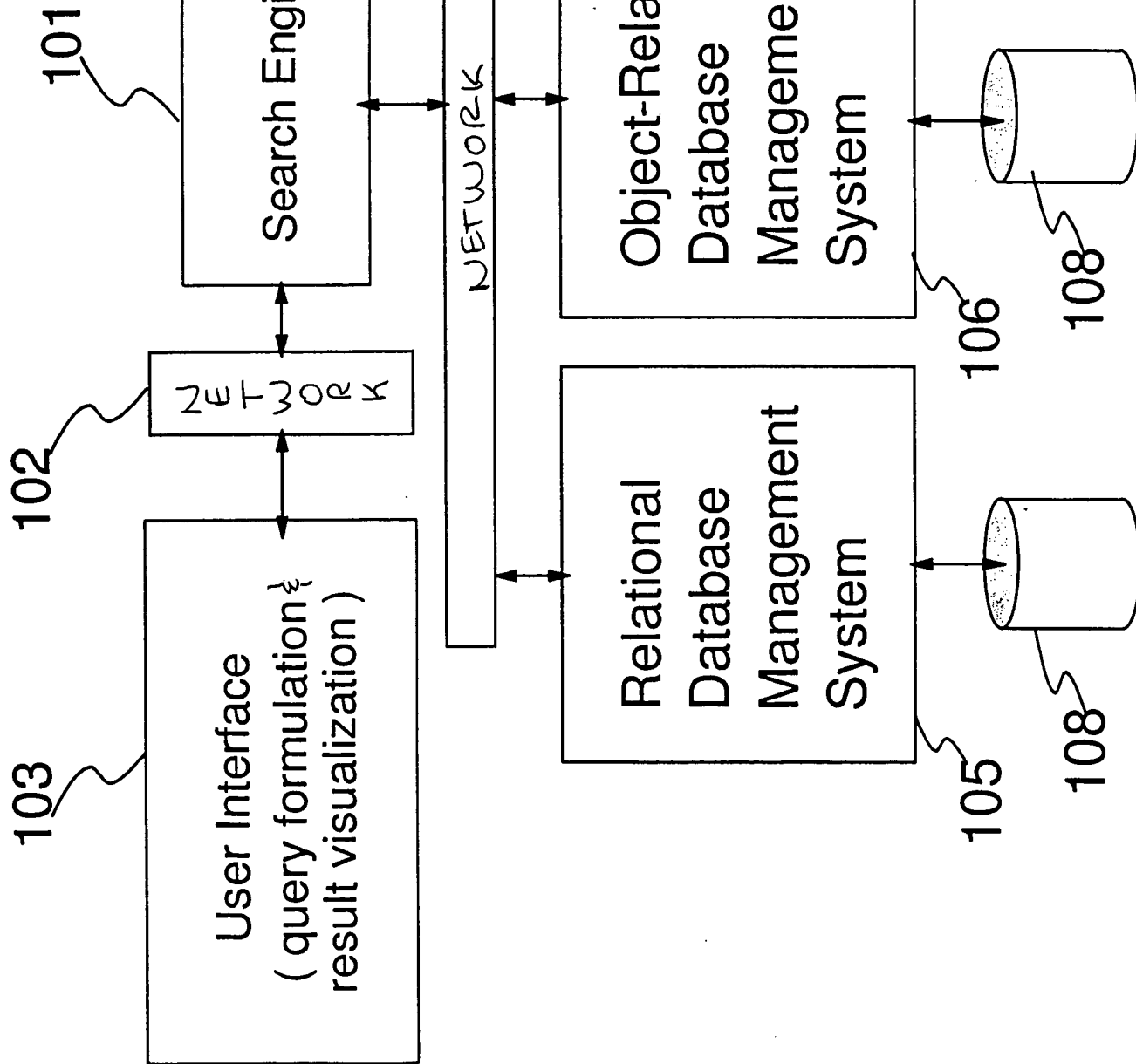


FIG. 1



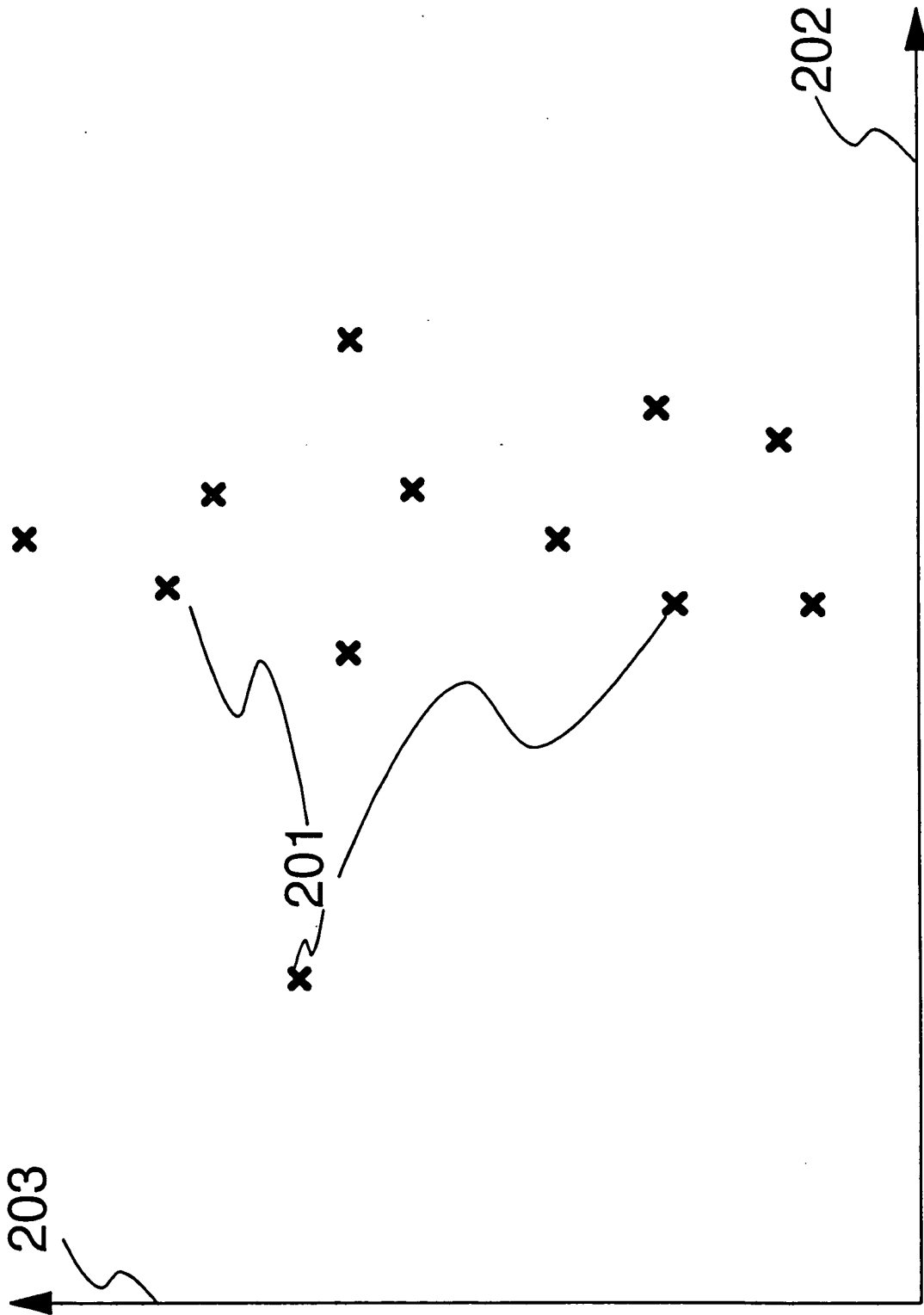


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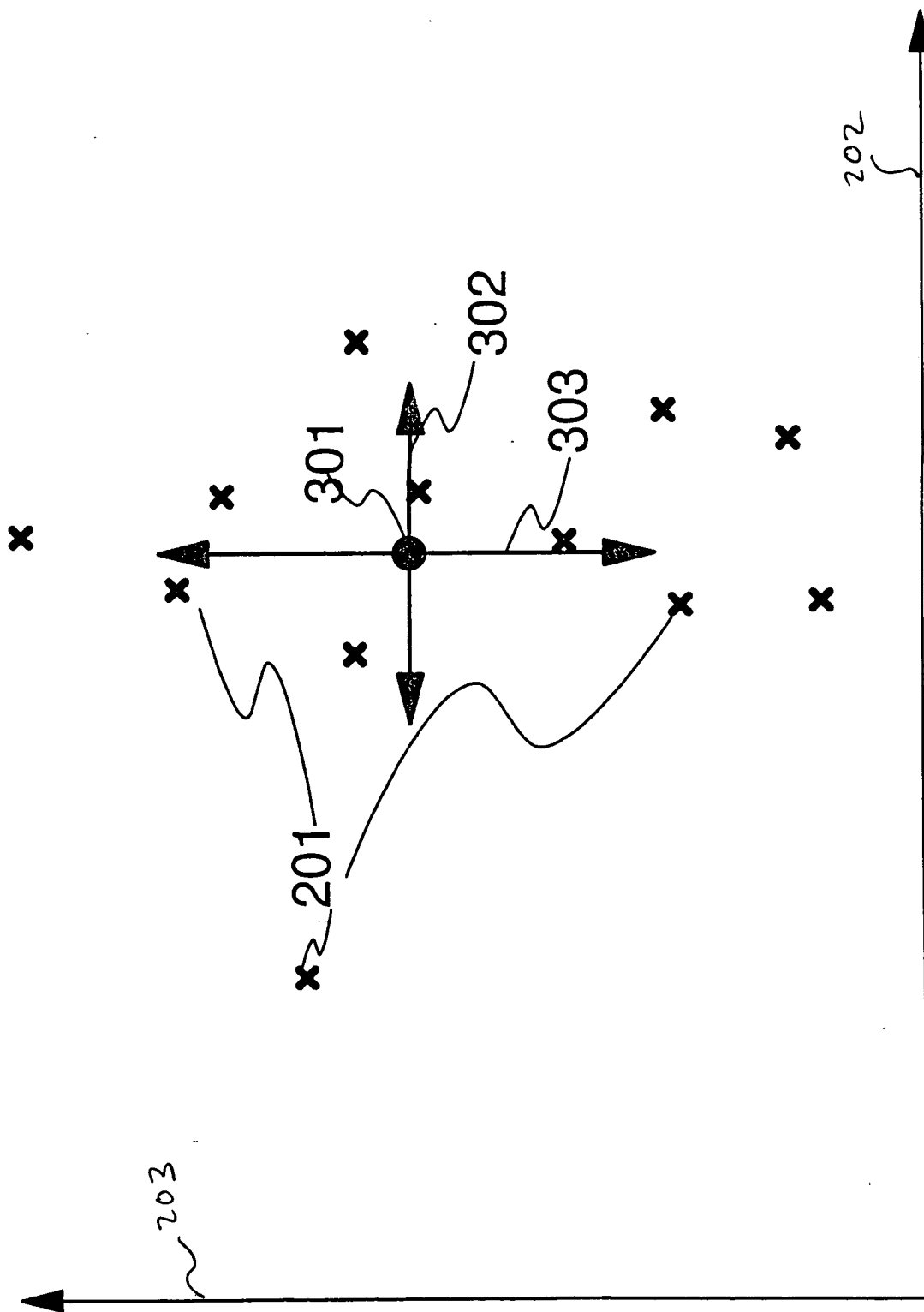


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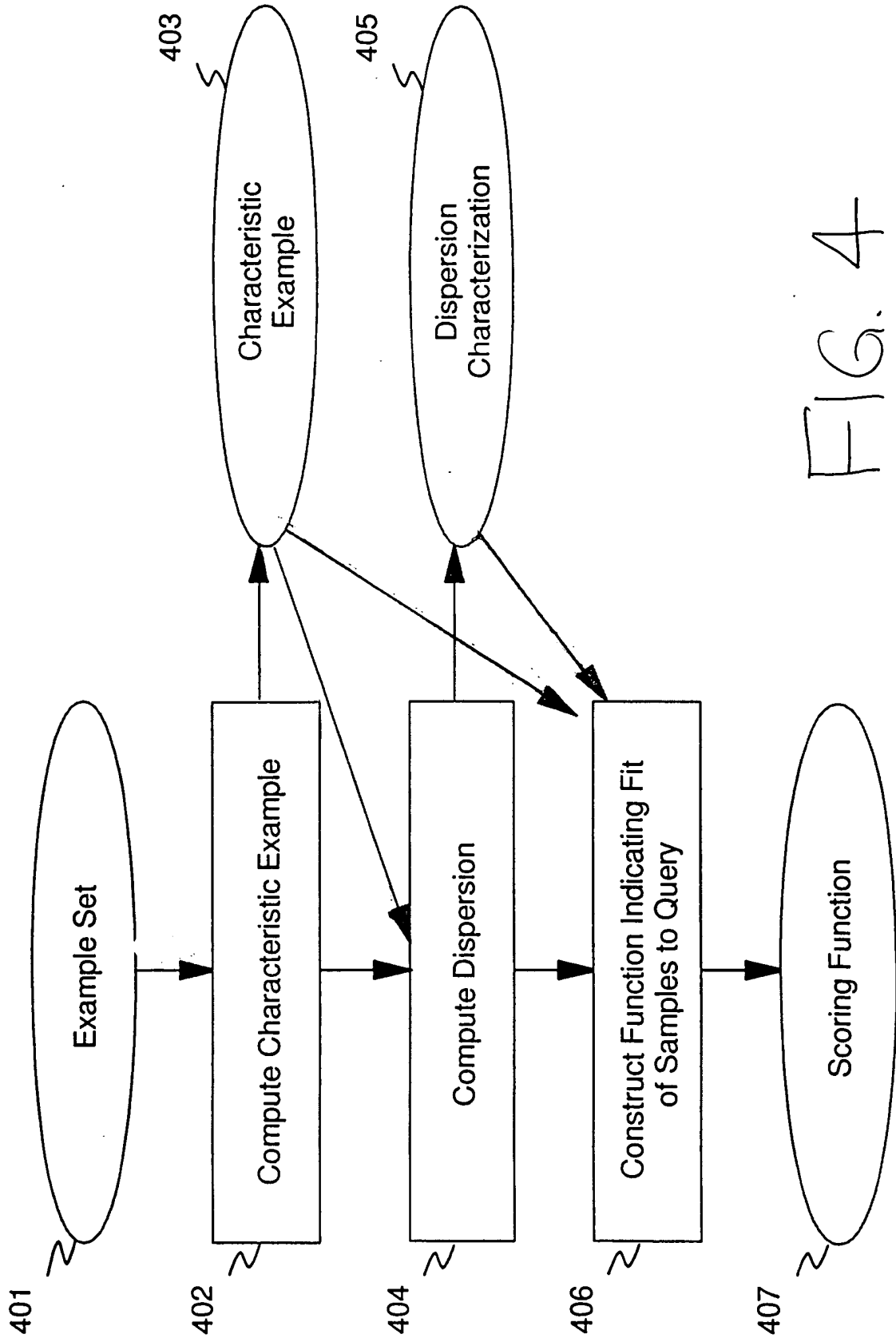
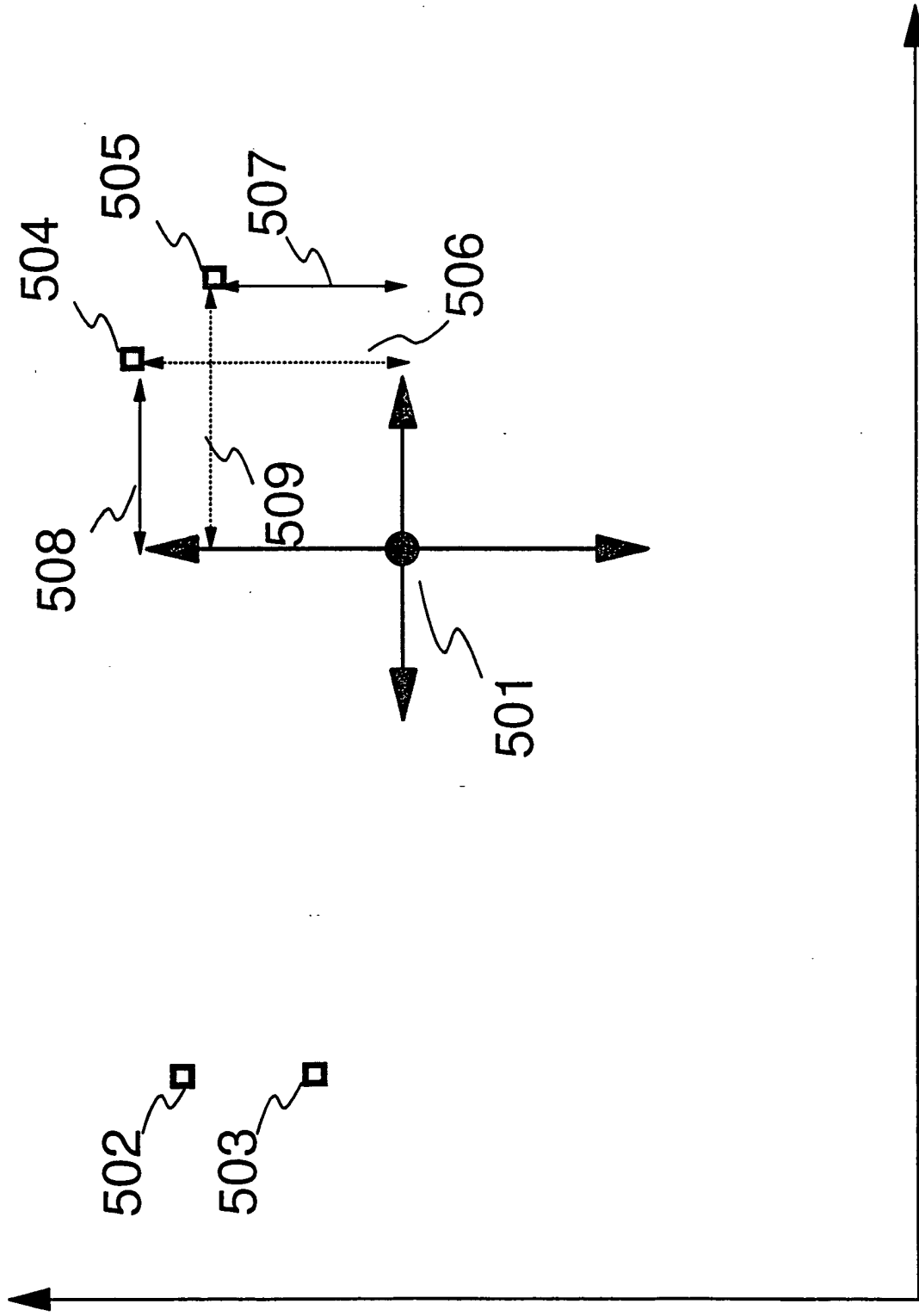


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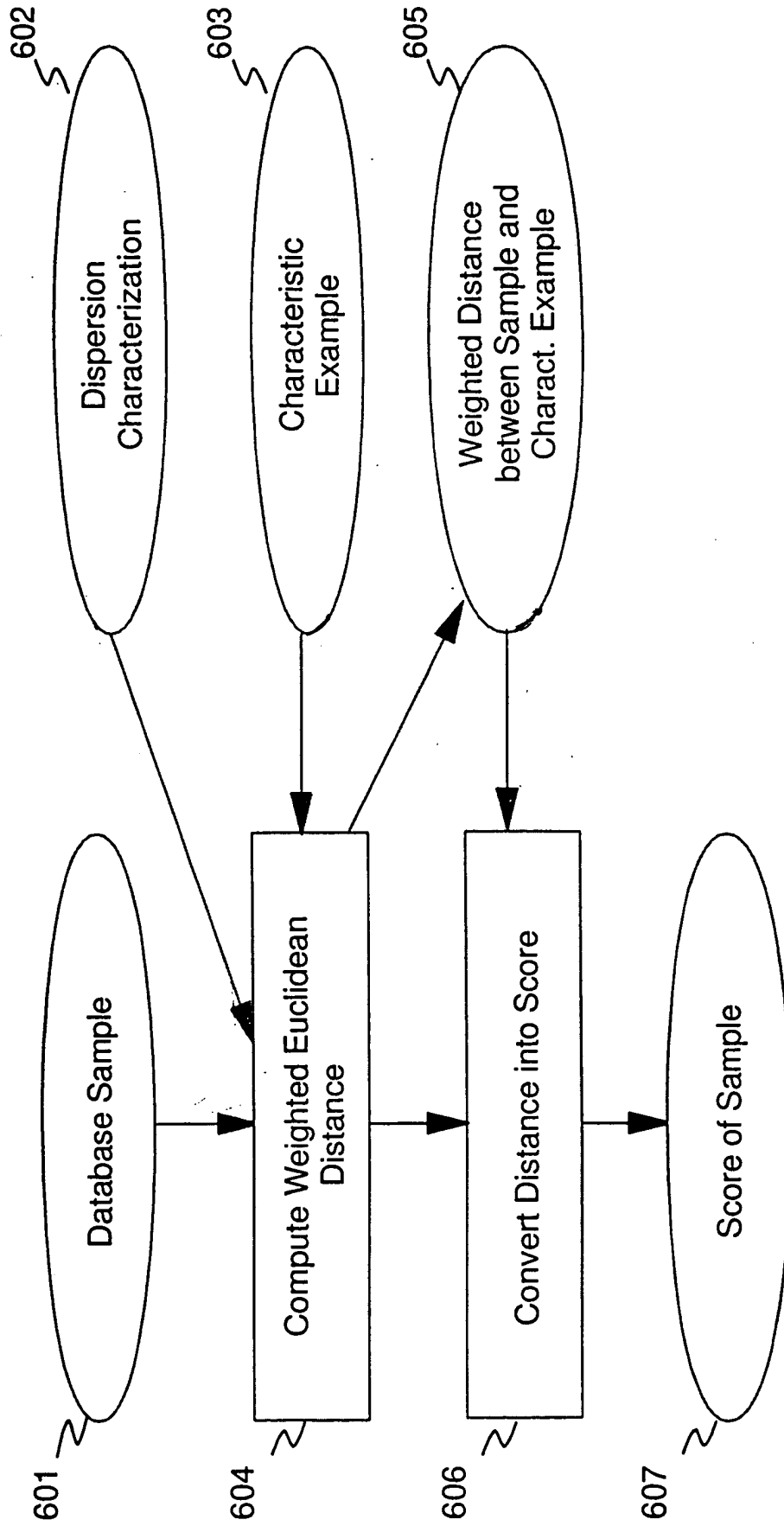


FIG. 6

FIG. 7A

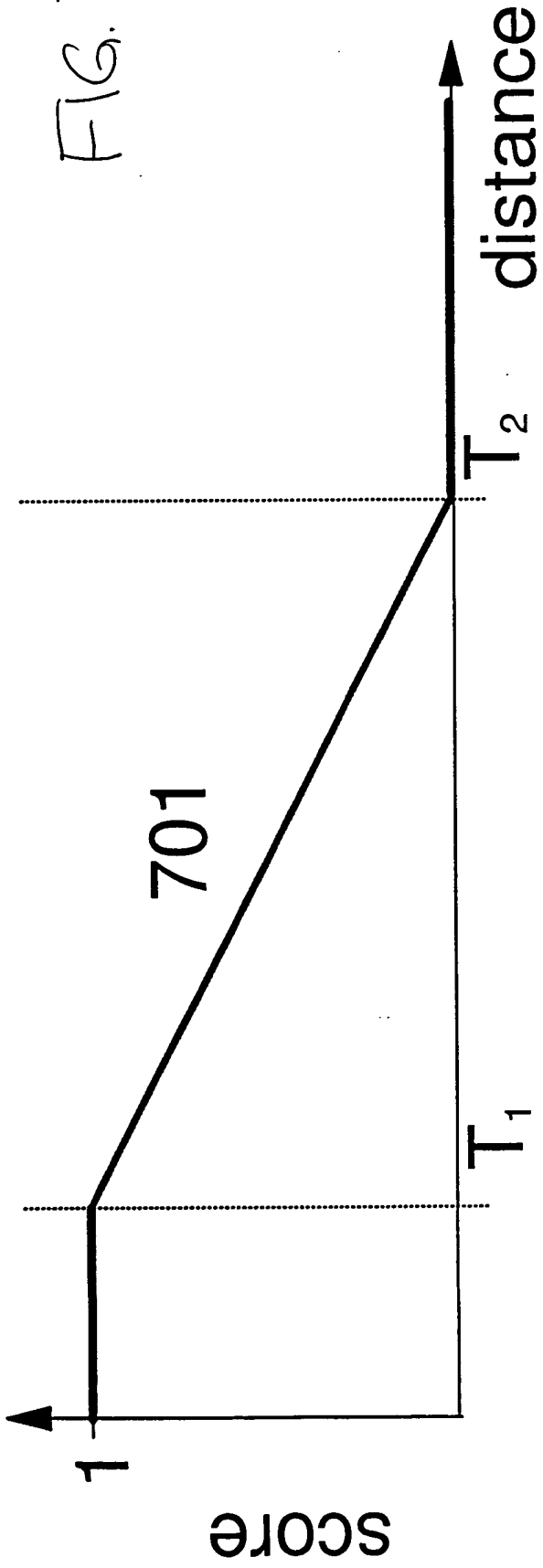


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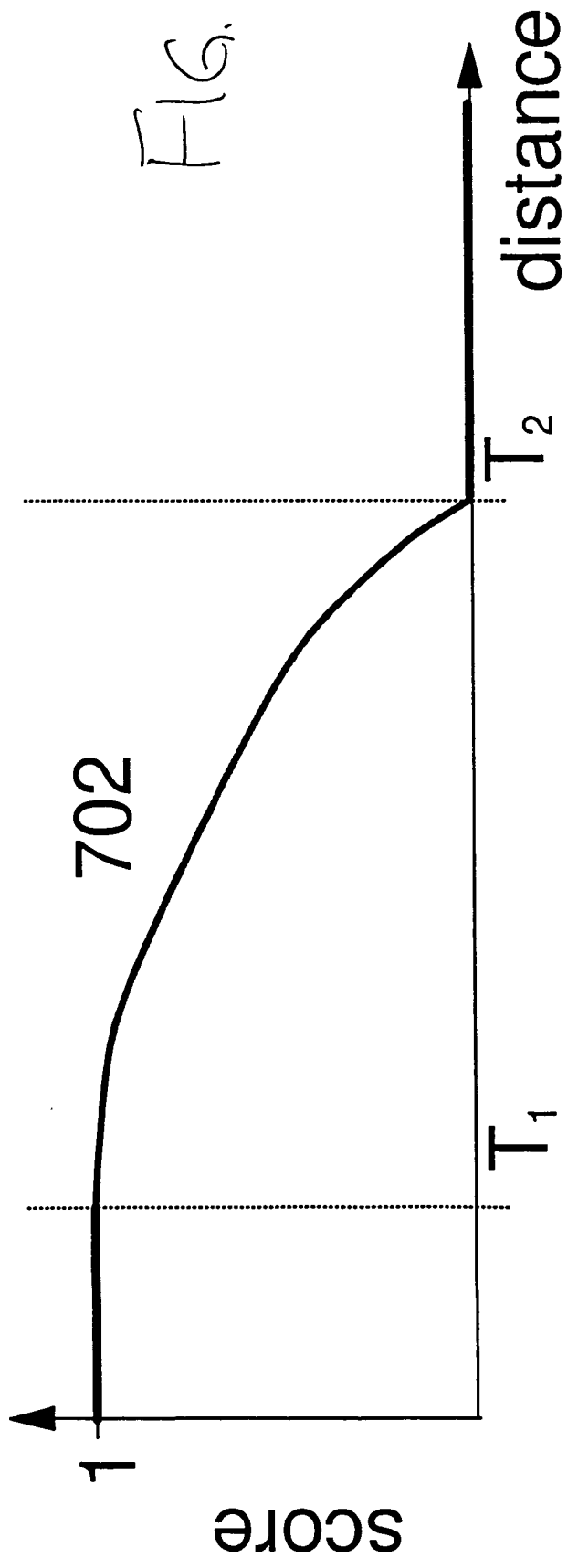


FIG. 7C



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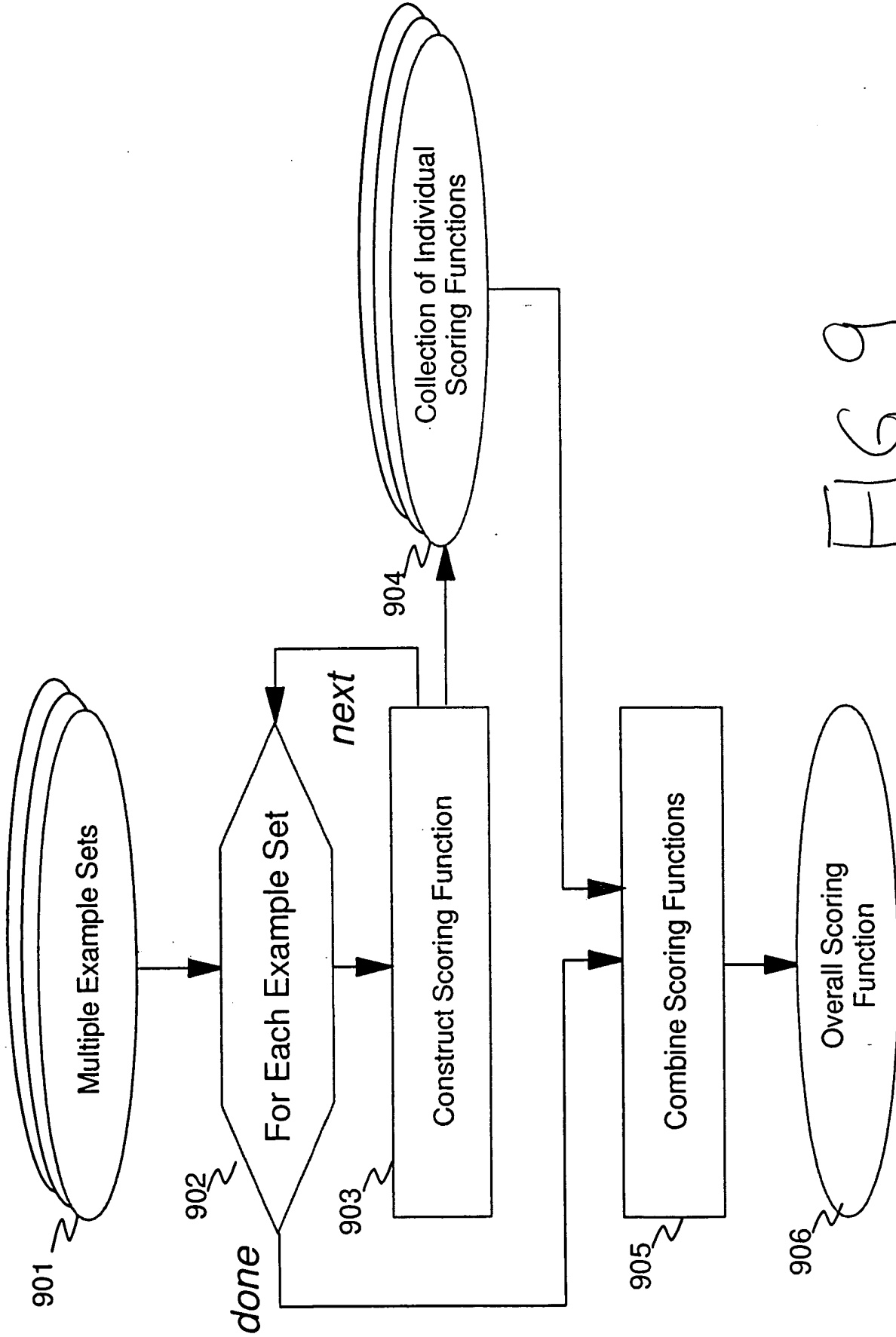


FIG. 9

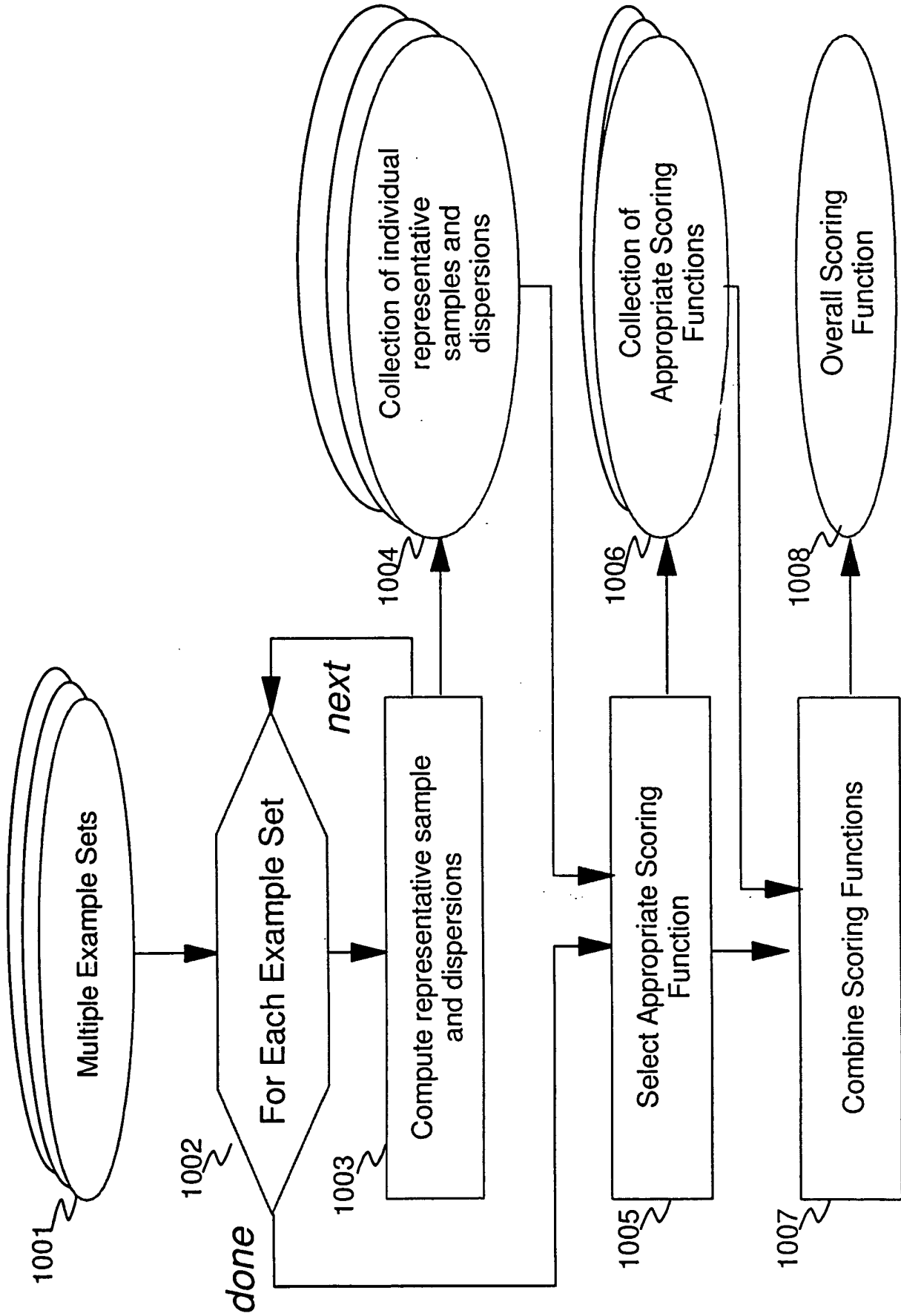
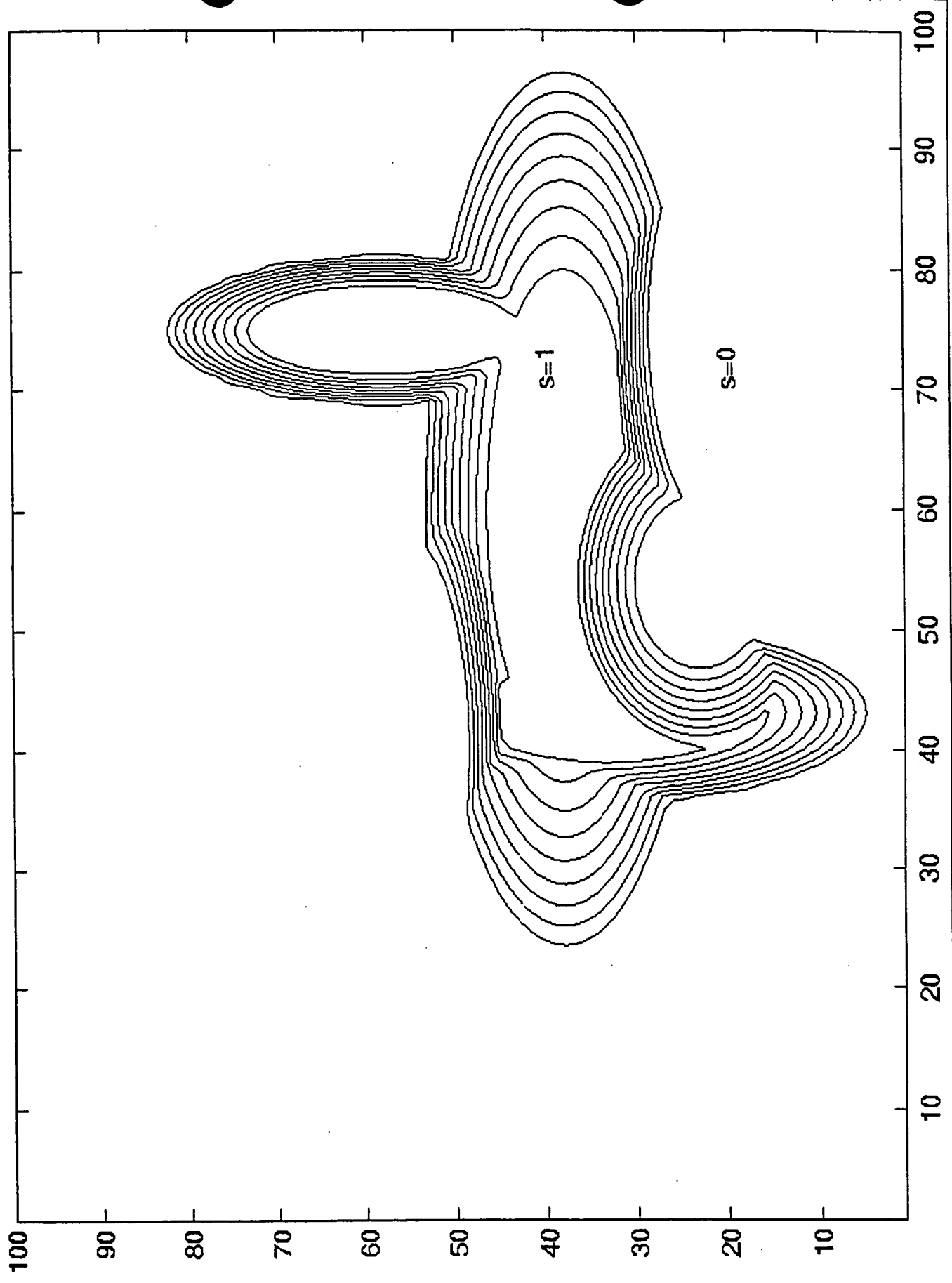


FIG. 10

FIG. 11

Contour plot of a scoring function



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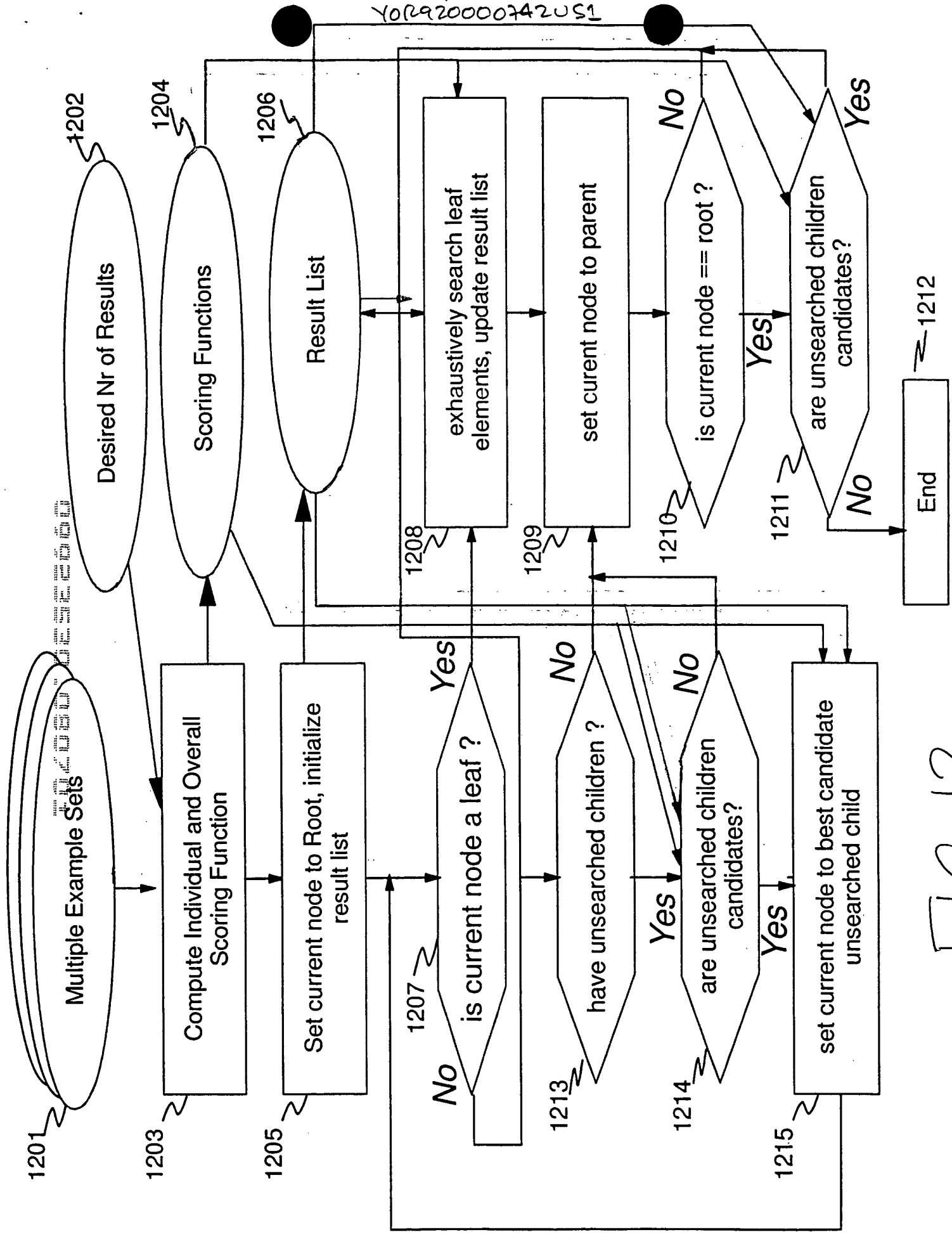


FIG. 12

FIG. 13 is a flowchart illustrating a method for determining a candidate.

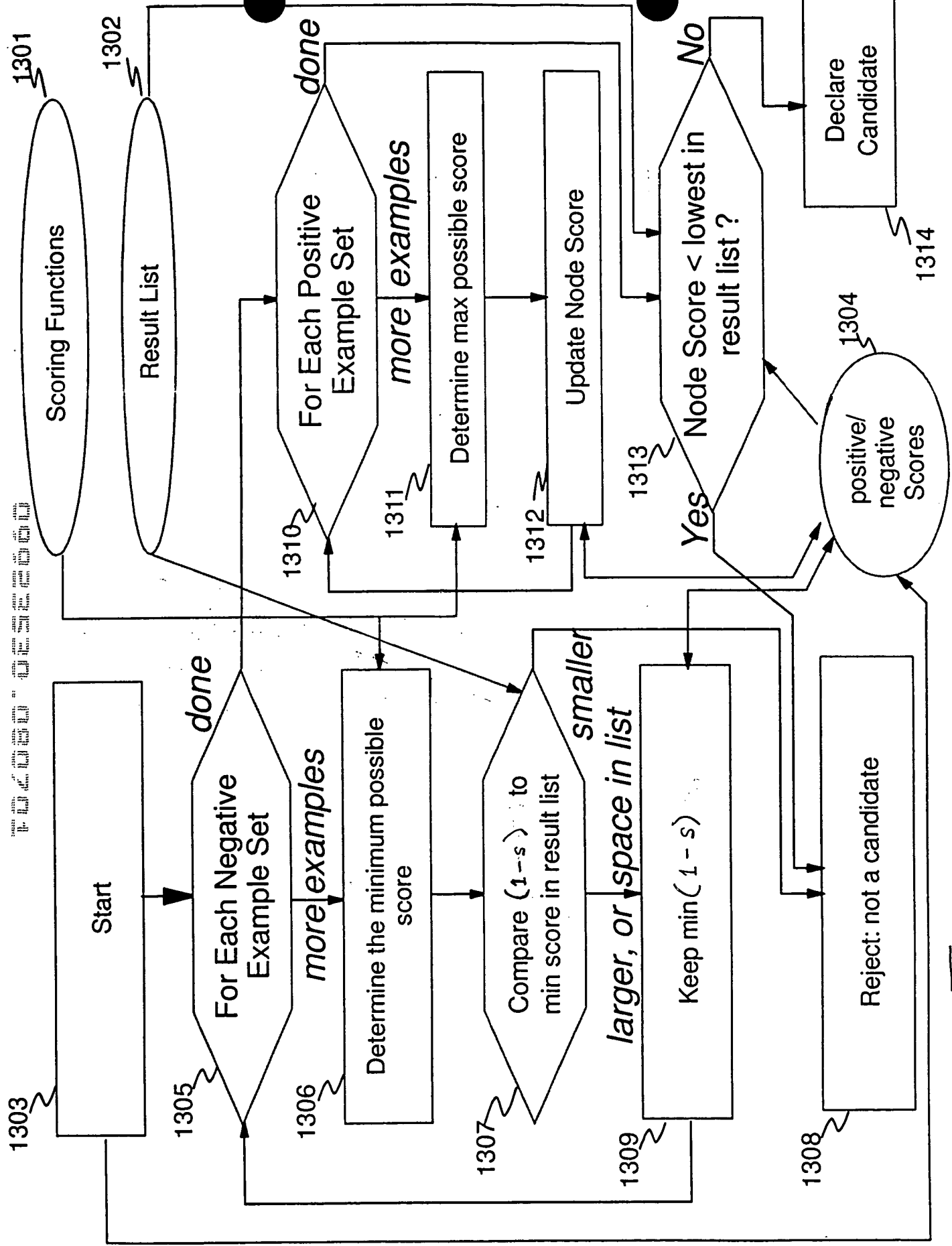


FIG. 14

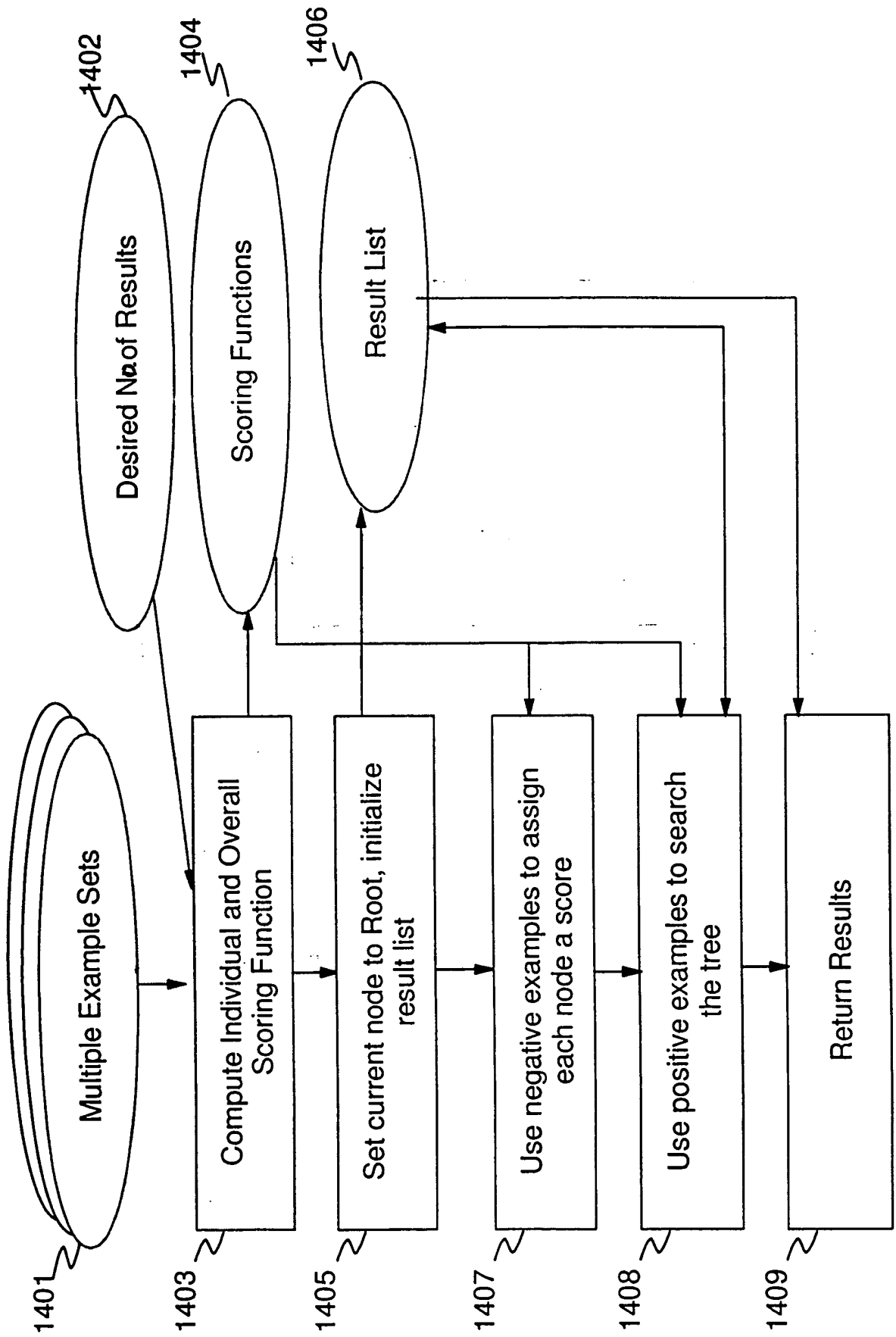


FIG. 14

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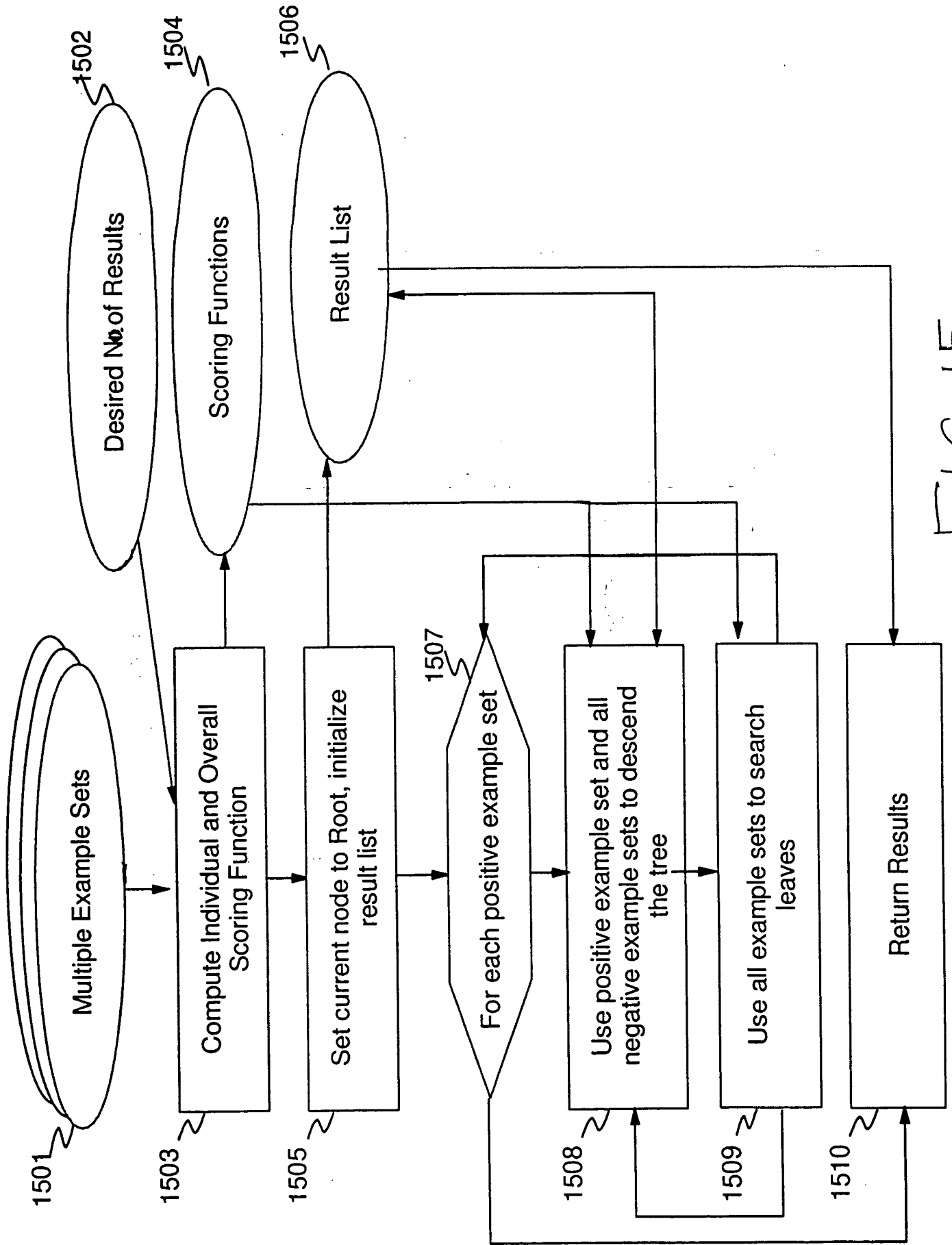


FIG. 15

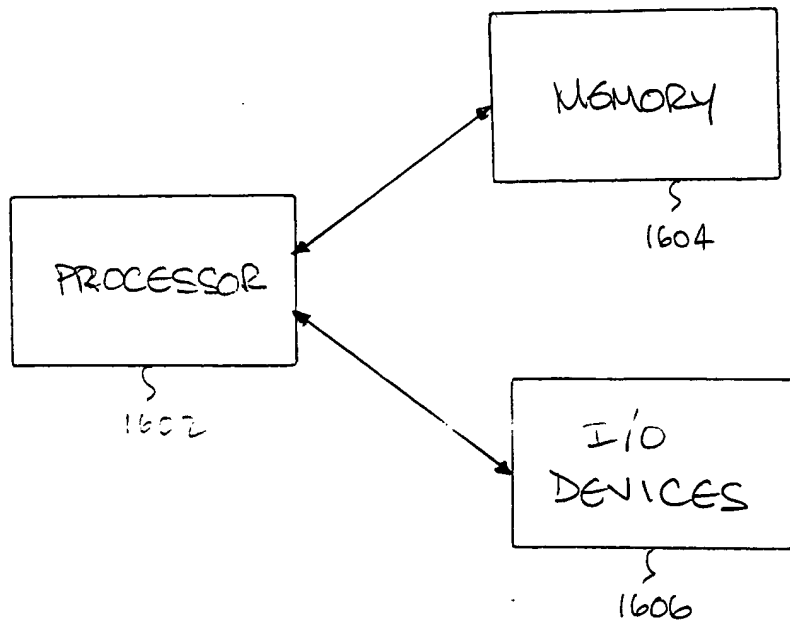


FIG. 16

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